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SUBJ: ANGOLA IN ZAIRIAN PRESS, JANUARY 8, 1976

1. FOLLOWING ITMES APPEARED IN ZAIRIAN PRESS JANUARY 8:

2. OFFICIAL ZAIRIAN NEWAGENCY (AZAP) ARTICLE DATELINED KATAKOLI (ZAIRE) REPORTED 4-HOUR VISIT OF OAU PRESIDENT IDI AMIN WITH MOBUTU AT ZAIRIAN COMMANDO TRAINING CENTER AT KATAKOLI, JNAUARY 7. ARTICLE REVEALED NOTHING OF SUBSTANCE DISCUSSED BY TWO LEADERS, BUT CITED STATEMENT BY AMIN TO EFFECT UGANDA WILL HAVE NO TRUCK WITH ENEMIES OF ZAIRE. "WE WILL CRUSH ANY ENEMY OF ZAIRE BEFORE HE REACHES THIS COUNTRY", SAID AMIN. AMIN SAID, ALSO, THAT ELEMENTS OF THE UGANDAN ARMY WILL SOON UNDERGO COMMANDO AND PARACHUTE TRAINING IN ZAIRE.

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3. AZAP EDITORIAL ENTITLED "NO SYSTEMATIC OPPOSITION TO MPLA

BY ZAIRE" SAID THAT MOBUTU'S INTENTIONS IN ANGOLA ARE MISUNDERSTOOD BY MANY PERSONS IN AFRICA AND ELSEWHERE. MOBUTU NOT OPPOSED TO NETO BECAUSE OF HIS MARXIST IDEOLOGY AND HIS TENDENCY TOWARDS SOVIET COMMUNISM, NOR MOBUTU HE SEEKING TO GRAB OIL-RICH CABINDA. MOBUTU HAS ALWAYS FOLLOWED A GOOD NEIGHBOR POLICY WITH HIS FELLOW AFRICANS. ZAIRE'S INTEREST IN ANGOLA IS DUE TO ITS 2000 KM BORDER WITH THAT COUNTRY AND TO ITS DESIRE TO SEE INSTALLATION OF STABLE INSTITUTIONS FREELY CHOSEN BY THE ANGOLAN PEOPLE -- A CONCERN SHARED WITH OTHER AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE. IN SUM, IT IS RIDICULOUS TO PRETEND THAT ZAIRE OPPOSES THE MPLA BECAUSE OF ITS SOCIALIST "CANDIDACY". "MANY PEOPLES MORE SOCIALIST, MORE COMMUNIST THAN THE MPLA LEADERS ARE FRIENDS OF THE VALIANT ZAIRIAN PEOPLE", CONCLUDED THE AZAP ARTICLE.

4. COMMENT: EDITORIAL UNDOUBTEDLY REFLECTS GOZ GUIDANCE AND APPEARS TO BE PRIMARILY AIMED AT FORTHCOMING OAU MEETING AS EFFORT TO FORSTALL OBVIOUS CHARGES AT SUMMIT THAT MOBUTU IS OPPOSED TO MPLA UNDER ANY CIRCUMSTANCES. BUT EDITORIAL COULD ALSO REFLECT STEP TOWARDS LAYING GROUNDWORK FOR EVENTUAL ACCOMMODATION WITH MPLA. CUTLER

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